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Applicant : Eric L.L. Jacobs
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For : SELF-CHECKOUT METHOD AND APPARATUS INCLUDING
GRAPHIC INTERFACE FOR NON-BAR CODED ITEMS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 in connection with the above identified application, applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the following references which are listed also in a PTO-Form 1449 attached hereto:

1. U.S. Patent No. 4,661,908 issued April 28, 1987 to Hamano et al.;
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,676,343 issued June 30, 1987 to Humble et al.;
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,787,467 issued November 29, 1988 to Johnson;
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,083,638 issued January 28, 1992 to Schneider;
5. U.S. Patent No. 5,115,888 issued May 26, 1992 to Schneider;
6. U.S. Patent No. 5,123,494 issued June 23, 1992 to Schneider;
7. U.S. Patent No. 5,125,465 issued June 30, 1992 to Schneider;
8. U.S. Patent No. 5,168,961 issued December 8, 1992 to Schneider; and
9. NCR Self-Checkout brochure.

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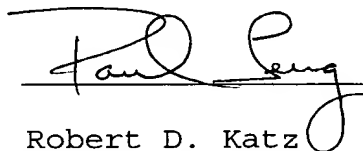
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), applicant encloses herewith a copy of each listed reference.

Applicant maintains that the subject invention is novel and nonobvious over the teachings disclosed in the references listed above. Accordingly, applicant maintains that the above-listed references do not disclose or suggest the invention claimed in the subject application.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of the subject application, applicant's undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

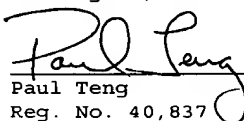
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